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October 9, 2015

Leane Heldenfels  
City of Austin  
Planning and Development Review Department  
PO Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767-1088

RE. Case Number C15-2015-0071 (1612 S. Congress Ave 78704 Enoteca/Vespaio)

Dear Ms. Heldenfels,

As the residents and neighbors living nearest to the Enoteca / Vespaio property located at 1612 S. Congress Avenue, we submit the attached letter in full support of the variance requested.

Please see the attached letter, signed by 7 residents and neighbors, living within 300 feet of the property at 1612 S. Congress Avenue.

We believe that the awning and changes to the patio area will upgrade the appearance of the site. Seating customers during inclement weather will not impact parking or traffic beyond that which already exists in our close by area.

Logically there are typically fewer people visiting the S. Congress area shops and restaurants during times of inclement weather, resulting in an overall reduction of parking and issues at these times.

Our parking and traffic issues in this SoCo area are severe and generally underserved by the City of Austin, considering the property investment, growth, visitor & tourist levels and tax value creation in our area. We respectfully request that the City of Austin make significant investments to improve this SoCo area and make our streets safer for residents and visitors alike.

Variances such as this one requested are not causing the problem. A lack of City of Austin active parking enforcement, maintenance of signage, curb painting for no-parking (especially for corners and intersections), painted crosswalks and stop lines at existing sidewalk areas and additional sidewalks in the neighborhood, along with an overall improvement of traffic control are some of the major issues in our area. Please place more emphasis on these issues to improve our SoCo area.

We fully support the requested variance. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Jeff Seiden  
1705 Eva Street 512-202-6500  
Yellow Zone Representative - BCNA

To: City of Austin - BOA  
From: Nearby Bouldin Creek Residential Neighbors of Vespaio / Enoteca  
Date: September 12, 2015  
Subject: Support of Vespaio / Enoteca (1610/1620 S. Congress Ave. Austin, TX 78704)  
Variance request - Cantilevered Awning Setback

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To: City of Austin, BOA and Whom It May Concern:

We the closest nearby residential neighbors to the Vespaio / Enoteca restaurant site, hereby support the variance request that would provide for the installation of a permanently affixed awning over the existing patio area located adjacent to the 1610/1620 S. Congress Ave - Vespaio / Enoteca restaurant, with such patio situated on the north side of W. Milton Street, and west of S. Congress Avenue.

We see this Awning addition as a visual enhancement to the existing fenced patio area, that could provide for inclement weather use of the patio without increasing the number of tables or seats available in that space, and its design as visually compatible with the porch areas found on the front of Bouldin Creek neighborhood residential homes adjacent to the Vespaio / Enoteca site.

We ask that the BOA consider our support as an important contributing element in its approval of this use and setback variance.

Sincerely,

Nearby neighbors as signed below.

Maryellen & Jeff Seiden Maryellen & Jeff Seiden  
Signature Printed Name  
1705 Eva Street Austin TX 78704

Joel Sarchet Joel Sarchet  
Signature Printed Name  
105 W. Milton St, Austin TX 78704

Mark Morris Mark Morris  
Signature Printed Name  
109 W. Milton St Austin, TX 78704

David & Deb Burke David & Deb Burke  
Signature Printed Name  
1707 EVA ST AUSTIN TX 78704

Chad Wilson Chad Wilson  
Signature Printed Name  
1702 Eva Str Austin, TX 78704

Maya Krauss Maya Krauss  
Signature Printed Name  
1709 EVA St. Austin, TX 78704

Address

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Nearby neighbors as signed below. (signature page #2)

<u>K. Landgraf</u>	<u>KYMBERLIE LANDGRAF</u>
Signature	Printed Name
<u>1706 EVA ST. AUSTIN TX</u>	<u>78704</u>
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Nearby residential neighbors supporting Vespaio / Enoteca setback variance for patio awning.

